

# **APPLICATION AND METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTING COMPRESSED DIGITAL MEDIA IN A SECURED MANNER**

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A system (and method) for providing security to compressed digital media. The system includes a medium for computer codes. A code is directed to forming a secured media object and a residual mask for the secured media object. The secured media object is disabled. A code is directed to replicating the secured media object into a plurality of secured media object copies 1 through N. Each of the secured media object copies represents the secured media object, where N represents an integer greater than 1. The memory also has a code directed to transferring the secured media object copies 1 through N into respective distribution servers 1 through N through a network; and a code directed to storing the secured media object copies 1 through N in memories of the respective distribution servers 1 through N. Another code is directed to scheduling delivery based upon a selected time and date of one of the secured media object copies at one of the distribution servers to a client device through the network. A code is directed to transferring the selected secured media object copy from the selected distribution server at the selected delivery time and date through the network.

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